Punjab Pay-Scales to Chandigarh Employees

1813. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to give Punjab pay-scales to the employees of Chandigarh Administration;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implemanting the decision so far; and

(c) the time by which the decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). It has been decided to adopt the Punjab pay-scales with effect from 1-4-1991 in respect of the employees of the Chandigarh Union Territory Administration. The Chandigarh Administration has been advised to issue appropriate notification bringing out the revised pay rules.

[*Translation*]

National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation

@1814. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) it so, the main objectives of the Corporation and its authorised capital; and

(c) the criteria of backwardness laid down for an individual/class to become eligible for aid or assistance from this Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National backward Classes Finance & Development Corpn. will have authorised capital of Rs. 200 crores. The objectives of the Corporation are repreduced below:-

i. to promote economic & development activities for the benefit of Backward Classes;

ii. to assist, subject to such income and/or economic criteria as may be prescribed by the Govt. from time to time, individuals or groups of individuals be-longing to Backward Classes by way of loans and advances for economically and financially viable schemes and projects;

iii. to promote self-employment and other ventures for the benefit of Backward Classes;

iv. to grant concessional finances in selected cases for persons belonging to Backward Classes below the poverty line in the country in collaboration with the Government/Ministries/Department at the National and State Level to the extent of the budgetary assistance granted by the Government of India to the Company;

v. to extend loan for pursuing general/professional/technical education or training at graduate and higher levels;

vi. to assist in the upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of Backward Classes for proper and efficient management of production units;

vii. to assist the State level organisations to deal with the development of backward classes by way of providing financial assistance and in obtaining commercial funding by way of refinancing;

viii. to work as an apex institution for coordination and monitoring the work of all Corporations/Boards set up by the State Government/UT Administrations for SC/ST, Backward Classes and Minorities in so far as it relates to the economic development of the backward classes.

ix. to help in furthering the Govt. policies and programmes for the development of the backward classes.

(c) The proposed Corporation shall assist the following target groups of backward classes;

(i) Persons belonging to Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs) below the poverty line as defined by the Planning Commission from time to time, may be provided financial assistance on concessional rates.

(ii) Persons belonging to SEBCs who are above the poverty line but satisfy the income/economic criteria to be prescribed by the Govt. of India may be assisted for self-employment schemes and other financially and economically viable schemes.

[*English*]

Clearance to Koel-Karo Hydel Project in Bihar

1815. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have cleared the Koel-Karo Hydel Project of Bihar;

(b) the details of the total areas and forests to be submerged therefrom;

(c) whether any alternative forest areas has been located for afforestation in lieu of the forests to be submerged; and

(d) the details of the land acquired for rehabilitation of the displaced families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total land area required to be submerged for the project is 19792 ha. out of which 657 ha. is forest land.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No land has yet been acquired for rehabilitation of the displaced persons. However, 898 ha. of non-forest land has been earmarked for rehabilitation of the displaced families.

Introduction of Toy Train in Chandigarh

1816. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandigarh Administration announced recently a plan to introduce a toy train in the leisure valley;

(b) if so, the total amount of cost likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the reasons for according priority to this project over the maintenance of parks and roads in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Administration has in-